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Presented by Chris Smith
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Madam Chairman and committee members, for the record I am Chris Smith, Chief of Staff of Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP).

FWP recognizes the sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and agrees with Senator Lewis that granting free fishing and upland bird hunting privileges to service members who have been awarded the Purple Heart is an appropriate gesture of Montanans' gratitude.

We also appreciate Senator Lewis including a provision in SB 112 that provides for the general license account to be reimbursed from the general fund for the costs associated with these free privileges. That's an important element of this bill, because it ensures that all Montanans, not just Montana's hunters and anglers, are contributing in honoring our wounded service men and women.

FWP encourages your support of SB 112.